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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 1 contains allowable subject matter and that claims 3-11, 13-15 and 17-21 "if presented in independent form or made dependent on an allowable claim... appear allowable." After entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 3-11, 13-15 and 17-21 will remain pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended without prejudice to cover the elected subject matter in the present application, which the Examiner indicated "would appear allowable."

The amendments to claims are fully supported by the application as filed. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment into the application. In view of the amendments and following remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below if the Examiner believes such would be helpful in advancing the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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